

TSEC Helps Attract SpectraWatt to Region Where Company Will Establish its Research & Manufacturing

Washington, DC - Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today released the following statement regarding the decision by a new solar energy company, SpectraWatt, to locate its research and manufacturing facilities in the Hudson Valley. The Solar Energy Consortium (TSEC), which Hinchey helped establish in 2007, helped attract SpectraWatt to the region. The company, which will locate itself in Dutchess County, is expected to create 161 new jobs and further establish the Hudson Valley as a leader in solar energy research and development.

TSEC is an industry-driven, non-profit organization that provides leadership, organization, resources, and support for the establishment of a major solar energy industry cluster in New York. Using his seat on the House Appropriations Committee, Hinchey has secured more than \$14.2 million in federal funds for TSEC and its partners.

"At a time when our economy continues to struggle greatly, renewable energy is proving to be a sector on which we can count to deliver new jobs in a very real and meaningful way. The addition of SpectraWatt to the Hudson Valley demonstrates how effective The Solar Energy Consortium has become at helping to bring in new solar businesses to the region. The work of the consortium continues to pay off for our region. The model of a federal-state-industry partnership is proving to be effective at bringing in new solar businesses to the Hudson Valley, which create jobs while providing solutions to the pressing national need for energy independence. I commend Governor Paterson and the Empire State Development Corporation for working with TSEC and providing the leadership and the resources needed to attract SpectraWatt to the region.

"TSEC has played a critical role in providing a network of government, business, and education leaders to solar businesses that are interested in creating jobs in New York. By continuing to make investments in TSEC and its partners, we will help attract even more solar energy businesses to New York as we continue our efforts to make the state a national and international hub for solar energy research and development. I am very excited about the work that SpectraWatt will accomplish in the Hudson Valley and the positive economic impact that this company will have for our region."